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EDITOR PROMOTED

Comdt. Con Costello, long time Editor of *An Cosantóir* has been promoted to Lt. Col. During his eight years as Editor he built up a circle of loyal contributors who now form the mainstay of the journal. With the assistance of Sgt. White he tripled circulation and established *An Cosantóir* as a widely read journal amongst military and civilians alike. His experience and ready humour will be missed at this office and will be a great asset to his new Unit.

COVER

Brig. Gen. P. J. Daly, GOC Eastern Command, at the Passing Out Parade of the 15th Pot NCO course at Cathal Brugha Barracks, Dublin.
Photos show the general salute with Lt. J. Murphy and Capt. S. Fox CTD; Sgt. Maj. Harte and Cpl. J. Kenny with a pennant presented to the CTD. 59 students completed the 18 week course. Pictures by Ronan Quinlan.

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ALL ARMY WEEK

Capt. Peter O'Grady

FCA SHOOTING COMPETITION

All Army week began for many on a cold, wet and blustery No. 3 Range at the Curragh with the firing of the first shots in the FCA Shooting for 1980.

Conditions for firing were far from ideal, but that failed to dampen the enthusiasm, humour and 'slaging' that is all part and parcel of the FCA Shooting Competitions.

From all parts of the country they had come, some as part of an annual excursion, others for the first time, but all with hopes high and interest great in the various competitions. It had been an early start for many, so it was not long before, around every tent, the all-important cups of tea were being prepared. In little groups they gathered making new friends or renewing old acquaintances, and always recounting stories from the past - the characters, the humour, the achievements. It was all part of the 'crack' which goes to make the FCA shooting day, something unique, a special day in the life of every FCA unit.

However 'the sound of revelry' was only to be heard in the area of the tents. Out on the firing point it was a different story. Competitors went around with numbers pinned to their backs intent on one thing only - winning, for them the celebrations and the crack could wait.

Competition is indeed very keen between all the units, and this is good to see as it means that standards will always be maintained. No title is won without being well deserved, and any unit which attains any such title, derives great satisfaction from it.

A man who is no stranger to winning is Sgt. Leahy from the 13th Infantry Battalion in Mallow. For the last number of years he had dominated the individual SMG Competition to an extraordinary degree. With a score of 148 points, he made sure of his fifth successive SMG title - a tremendous achievement, and in the process he beat Trooper Cronin from the 3rd Motor Squadron Clonmel, who was second with 145 points and Sgt. Allis, 14 Inf. Bn. Limerick who finished third with 144 points. While congratulating Sgt. Leahy, he modestly told me that on the day previously he had won the All-Ireland Clay Pidgeon Shooting Competition, which had been held at Ashbourne in County Meath. It certainly was a week-end of major achievement for him, and just further illustrated that a 'crack-shot' he is, and also the very high standard that exists in the FCA Shooting Competitions.

Another impressive winner was Pte. Power from 'B' Coy. 9 Inf. Bn., Waterford in the individual LMG Competition, with a score of 192 points he

Lt. A. Dermody, 10 Inf. Bn., Rifle Ind. winner with the Minister for Defence.

Sgt. J. Leahy, 13 inf. Bn., S.M.G. Ind. winner with the minister for Defence.

Pte. P. Power, 9 Inf. Bn., L.M.G. winner with the Minister for Defence.

won convincingly from Pte. Nolan, C Coy. 21 Inf. Bn. Wicklow, second, and Cpl. Quinn B Coy. 16 Inf. Bn. Ballinasloe in third place.

The 10 Bn. continued their fine run in the Individual Rifle by again supplying the winner in Lt. Dermody from E Coy. who won with a score of 101 points. In second place was Pte. Crowley from the 11th Bn. Clonakilty, after a shoot-off with Cpl. Garrshie 22 Bn. Ennis, who was placed third.

There was then a break for lunch and much in demand was a buffet courtesy of the 'Q' Branch of the Curragh Command with Lt. Col. Scannell, Commdt. Gibson and Capt. O'Hanlon well to the fore. It certainly proved very satisfying and all credits to the many cooks and waiters involved. The buffet was indeed most welcome and the strawberries and cream could not have been bettered at Wimbledon itself.

Not everyone dined as well, but during this period it is safe to say that very few went short, because in the midst of every little group, the tea or soup was being prepared. In truth, everyone had come prepared.

When all were gathered together like this it became apparent that some of the FCA officers were sporting their new uniforms - and mighty well they looked too! This point was further brought home with the arrival of Paddy Devenney, complete with a camera, from RTE.

Living in Athlone, Paddy, who was formerly an Area Records Sgt. for more years than he cares to remember, is now a fully fledged RTE cameraman and he was there to take a few shots of the new uniforms. A great character, he seemed to know absolutely everyone from the highest to the lowest, as he went around looking for 'good-looking' FCA officers in their new uniforms. Needless to remark he had no trouble getting some to fit the bill, and they all appeared two nights later on the nine o'clock news.

The serious business of firing recommenced and it was not long before B Coy. of the 23 Inf. Bn. from Cork had made sure of the SMG team title, from F Coy. 9 Inf. Bn., Durrow County Laois.

B Coy. of the 9 Bn. retained their LMG Title with a score of 365 points which proved too much for C Coy. 21 Inf. Bn. Wicklow.

The rifle team competition was won by C Coy. 11 Inf. Bn. from Clonakilty West Cork with B Coy. 8 Inf. Bn. from Drogheda finishing second on 520 points.

The 11th Bn. win caused great jubilation as eight times since 1961 the Unit has taken 2nd place in this competition, and they were beginning to think that the honour of winning might not be for them.

This left the falling plates competition. A large crowd had gathered to witness the exciting climax between the 14 Bn. from Limerick and the 18 Bn. from Westport. However, it was just then that the heavens opened and a thunder shower of driving rain had everyone scurrying for cover.

The competition itself concluded on range 4 with victory going to the 14 Bn., and the audience huddled in under the trees trying to keep dry.

As the rain continued unabated a more serious problem now arose - where to have the presentation ceremony. In typical military fashion and with great efficiency one of the large marquees was converted, and the presentation ceremony held without interruption.

The Minister for Defence, Mr. Padraig Faulkner, who had been a very interested spectator now made the presentations to the various winners and runners-up. In his address the Minister thanked all who had taken part and, on behalf of the government, he praised and thanked the FCA for the important role it plays in the community.

This brought the curtain down on the FCA Shooting Competitions for 1980. There was just enough time for a number of photographs, and then they were off - the Minister in his helicopter back to Dublin, and the many units back to the many parts of Ireland from whence they came.

For those who had been victorious it was a day to remember and to re-live again and again, while those who had come with great hopes only to have seen them dashed were able to console themselves with the thought 'sure there's always next year' or with Johnny Logan's catch phrase 'WHAT'S ANOTHER YEAR'.

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30 Inf. Bn., Winners of Chaplain's Cup. *Kneeling in front:* Cpl. Billy Carty. *Middle Row:* Cpl. Peter Prendergast, Pte. Michael Owens, Pte. Joe Earle, Pte. Tom Berry, Cpl. Seán Kiely, Sgt. Shem Grady, Cpl. Jim Cooper (Capt.), Sgt. Willie O'Brien, CQMS Mick Sullivan, Cpl. Gene Grehan, Pte. Tommy Prendergast. *Back Row:* Pte. Michael Nolan, BSM Bert Callaghan, Sgt. Gus Hennessy, Pte. Nick Casey, Pte. Tony Leahy, Sgt. Pat Butler, Sgt. Richie Hogan, Comdt. Eamon Goulding, Cpl. Mick McCarthy, Lt. Billy O'Connell, Sgt. Eddie O'Neill, Sgt. Jim Tobin, Sgt. Liam Barry, Pte. Jackie Hanley, Pte. Tim Crowe.

CHAPLAIN'S CUP

The next event of the week was the inter-unit Hurling Final, and a large crowd gathered at McDonagh Sportsfield to witness an epic battle between the holders 30 Bn. from Kilkenny and the 1st Bn. from Galway.

Thankfully, the rain of the previous day had disappeared. It was now a bright summer's evening. McDonagh sportsfield was in tip top condition and a noisy band of enthusiastic supporters were present from both sides. Conditions could not have been better for the Chaplain's Cup final.

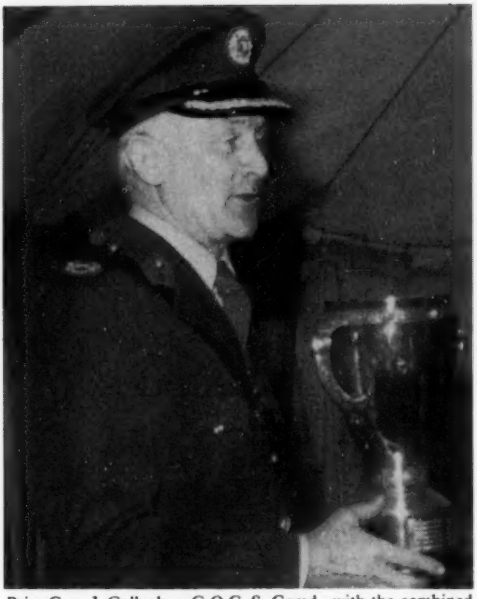
Aiming for four in a row the 30 Bn. began more impressively and with Pte. Peter Prendergast in particular, making some delightful runs from centrefield, they picked off their points impressively.

It looked like being another comprehensive victory for the 30th Bn., but the Galwaymen playing with great determination and roared on by a large enthusiastic band of supporters had different ideas. Inspired by Sgt. Tom Conway at centrefield, they reduced the arrears with goals from the big midfielder and Capt. Pat Winters who was performing very well at half-forward, 30th Bn. came back with a goal from Sgt. Willie O'Brien the corner-forward, and at half-time the score read: 30 Bn. 1-6, 1 Bn. 2-1.

There was everything still to play for and the 30th Bn. began the second half in determined mood and notched up a number of points. However, the 1st Bn. refused to give in and playing with great fire and determination they roared back into the game. Urged on by their Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Murphy, and a large number of Officers, NCOs and men from the Cead Cath which included a piper who burst into melody at every score from his team, much to the delight of all present. The 1st Bn. team could have no complaint with their supporters from the side-line.

A 21 yard free was awarded to the 1st Bn. Sgt. Tom Conway took it and striking it beautifully he placed it just under the cross bar and into the back of the net, for a real tonic goal. The gap was now back to 2 points and inspired by this excellent piece of opportunism, the 1st Bn. now put the 30th Bn. defence under a lot of pressure.

Father P. Daly CF presenting the Chaplains cup to Cpl. J. Cooper 30 Inf. Bn.



Brig. Gen. J. Gallagher, G.O.C. S. Comd., with the combined Weapons Trophy.

Sgt. T. Jinks, 6 Inf. Bn., Sniper winner.

However, the 30th Bn defence stood firm and with Cpl. John McCarthy in goal, Sgt. Sean O'Grady at full back and Cpl. Jim Cooper at centre half back now playing very impressively the holders began to get back into the game.

Their experienced mentors Comdt. Ned Goulding, Sgt. Major O'Callaghan and Sgt. Hennessy refused to panic and with a number of astute positional switches the 30th Bn. began to weather the storm. Centre field began to regain its grip, and the 30th Bn. forwards showing the greater combination and penetration began to get through for match winning scores.

A goal by the full forward Sgt. Richie Hogan took the initiative away from the 1st Bn. A number of points followed in quick succession from the skillful 30th Bn. forwards and then another goal from QM Mick "The Duke" Sullivan finally finished off the 1st Bn. challenge.

The 30th Bn. ran out convincing winners by 3-15 to 3-3 a score-line which did scant justice to the efforts of the 1st Bn. team. The 30th Bn. won because of their greater skill and craft, and the 1st Bn. can feel justifiably proud of their great effort in making it a very entertaining Chaplain's Cup final.

Best for the 30th Bn. with outstanding second half performances were Pte. Peter Prendergast, man of the match, Cpl. Jim Cooper and Sgt. Richie Hogan, while best for the 1st Bn. were Sgt. Tom Conway, Capt. Pat Winters, Lt. Ciaran Herbert and Pte. Tony Carr.

PDF Shooting Competition

Tuesday morning began early for many, and from first light there was plenty of activity on No. 2, 3 and 4 Ranges as last minute preparations were made for the 1st day of the PDF Firing Competitions.

For many these competitions are the essence of All Army Week. They provide a means of demonstrating the skill and expertise that exists within the Defence Forces, standards which those in the Forces tend to be skeptical about, but which nevertheless year after year are exceedingly high.

Competition is exceptionally keen as all Army titles are much sought after, and bring a great deal of prestige to a unit. Thus a lot of hard work and training has been put in by every individual and team members who take their places in the various events.

Firing commenced and one of the first competitions finished was the LMG team competition where the 12 Bn. again re-confirmed their superiority and with a score of 381 points won the title from the 6 Bn. who finished second with a score of 364 points.

The rifle team competition went to the 1st Motor Squadron with a score of 787 points, as against 779 points for the 30th Bn. who finished second.

The 1st Bn. caused a major surprise in the SMG team event and with a score of 698 points won comfortably from the 1st Motor Sqn. with 691 points.

Cpl. D. Sheeran, 5 Inf. Bn., L.M.G. winner.

CQMS D. Flynn, 1 Inf. Bn., S.M.G. winner with the Minister for Defence.

A break for dinner enabled teams to get together and inevitably the talk was of the morning's happenings - what was and what might have been. As in the case of the FCA Shooting Competitions, its a great time for meeting people and renewing old acquaintances since for one of the few times in the year, Command boundaries are transcended and we are all part and parcel of the one Army.

Even Army Headquarters staff are to be seen out on the ranges, and acquaintances are made which may only again be renewed at the same time next year. Inevitably, the talk is of the characters past and present (who are thankfully very plentiful throughout all ranks of the Army), of overseas service and of course the day's events - who fared well, who did badly, who will win the remaining competitions.

In the afternoon we are all treated to one of the most exciting competitions of the entire two days - the Individual Pistol Championship. At the end of the competition Comdt. Swan, 7 F A Regt., and CQMS Mullins, Depot Arty., are tied together on a score of 74 points, which would have been good enough to win the last five All Army Pistol Competitions. It also served to prove that the Artillery Corps' expertise extends beyond the big guns!

Be that as it may, there was an exciting shoot-off for first place and Comdt. Gerry Swan, a previous winner on one occasion, fired impeccably to register his second individual pistol title. For CQMS Mullins there was not only the consolation of second place, but also the knowledge of having put up an excellent performance. With scoring like that, an All Army Pistol Title will have to be his sooner rather than later.

This exciting conclusion to the Pistol Competition brought the first day's shooting to a close and the crowds made their way back to camp for a quick evening meal before again coming together at McDonagh Sportsfield for one of the glamour events of the entire week, the Medical Services' Cup Final.

Although conditions were bad on Wednesday - rain was falling and it was damp and windy - it nevertheless failed to effect the performance of CQMS Flynn from 1 Inf. Bn. who with a score of 365 points was a comprehensive winner of the SMG Competition. In second place was CS McDonagh, HQ Western Command with 358 points and in third place Sgt. McCormack from the 1 Motor Sqn.

Cpl. Sheehan, 3 Inf. Bn., again dominated the LMG competition and won comfortably with a score of 392 points., from Pte. Dennehy, 3 Inf. Bn. second with 385 points and Cpl. O'Callaghan, 23 Inf. Bn. third with a score of 379 points.

The Sniper Competition provided some excellent shooting with Sgt. Jinks 6 Inf. Bn. winning with a

Patrick Faulkner, presenting Comdt. Gerry Swan, Naas, with his trophy for winning the Individual Pistol Competition during Army Week at the Curragh.

(Photo: Oliver McCrossan)

Winners of the senior Tug-of War, Military Detention Bks. CTC team. *Back, L/R:* Capt. D. Glavin, Cpl. B. McManus, Cpl. L. Tobin, Sgt. C. Coyne, Sgt. B. Maguire, Cpl. J. Walshe, Comdt. A. J. Mullowney. *Front, L/R:* Cpl. E. Keogh, Cpl. S. Tierney, Cpl. P. Behan, Sgt. M. Smith, RQMS F. Farragher.

3 Inf. Bn. team which won the Falling Plate Competition. *Front:* Pte. J. O'Donnell, Pte. N. Byrne, Pte. N. Enright, Pte. T. Dowling. *Back:* Pte. A. Tobin, Capt. R. Maguire, Team Captain, receiving trophy from Minister Padraig Faulkner, Pte. P. O'Neill, Cpl. M. Landy, Section Commander.
(Photo: Oliver McCrossan)

score of 92 points. In second place was Pte. hayes, 30 Inf. Bn. with a score of 81 points and in third place was Capt. Harney, 3 Inf. Bn. on 79 points.

Sgt. Burns made it a memorable week for the 1st Motor Squadron by winning the Individual Rifle Competition with a score of 353 points, but it was a desperately close thing. Sgt. Kinsella, from GT Depot had been leading right up to the final practice but a poor finish meant he finished second yet again on a score of 346 points. Sgt. Devaney, 4 FA Regt. filled third position with a score of 336 points.

Now we come to one of the highlights of the shooting competitions - the Falling Plates.

The bad weather tended to dampen the proceedings, but, nevertheless, the final of the falling plates was an exciting one, with the 3 Inf. Bn. eventually defeating the 1st Bn.

The interiors of one of the large marquees had to be hastily re-organised for the presentation of prizes which had to be held indoors due to the very inclement weather.

The Minister for Defence, Mr. Padraig Faulkner again presented the prizes, and one of the biggest cheers of the day was for Bde. Gen. J. Gallagher, when, on his first day as GOC Southern Comd., he accepted the combined weapons Cup and the Army Champions Marksmans Cup on behalf of the Southern Command.

The Minister in his address thanked all who had taken part, complementing them on the excellent organization and the high standards displayed.

With the weather still being very poor, there was only time for a few photographs afterwards before the Minister departed, and with that, everyone hurriedly got ready to depart for home.

There had been two days of good shooting, which had nevertheless to some extent been spoiled by the very bad weather.

However, there was still one outstanding event to come of All Army week, and that was the Athletics Championships which were held this year at Belfield Sports Track.

MEDICAL SERVICES CUP FINAL

A large crowd had gathered at McDonagh sportsfield. It was a fine warm summer's evening. The pitch was in excellent condition and all was in readiness for a thrilling final. Nobody, however, in the large crowd, could have foreseen the excitement that was to unfold in the second half.

Eastern Command Headquarters, as one might expect from pre-match favourites, began confidently and inspired by Lt. Tom Shaw, an inter-county player with Kildare, and Capt. Ger Ahern their scorer in chief, they led by 0-7 to 0-2 at half time.

With the 1st Mot. Sqn. having been outplayed for most of the first half and now having to face a stiff breeze in the second, prospects for the trophy going to Fermoy looked very dim indeed.

However with great grit and determination, and inspired by Captain Dan Ahern from centre field, the 1st Motor Sqn. clawed their way back into the game. A goal by Cpl. Colm Colman helped to reduce the lee-way and with a member of the Eastern Comd. HQ team being sent off for persistent fouling, the 1st Motor Sqn. slowly began to gain the upper hand.

For the first time in the game the 1st Motor began to play as if they could win, and playing like men inspired with a succession of points reduced the lee-way to 1 point entering the final five minutes.

Excitement on the sideline now began to mount and the large Fermoy contingent roared on their men to greater efforts. A point by Sgt. Ted O'Shea brought the teams level for the first time, and then it happened.

Cpl. Colm Colman gained possession, and with a great right-footed shot struck the clinching goal. At this all hell broke loose on the side-line. Hats were

Tpr. M. Barry, Capt. 11 Mt. Sq., with the Medical Services Cup.

thrown high in the air, the OC of Fermoy danced a spontaneous jig of delight, and one was immediately aware of the large Fermoy contingent which included a bus load of supporters from the town.

That goal decided the issue and the 1st Motor Sqn. ran out deserving winners of a thrilling match by 2-7 to 0-10.

Outstanding for Fermoy were Capt. Dan Ahern, Sgt. Ted O'Shea and the goal scorer-in-chief Cpl. Colm Colman while Lt. Tom Shaw, Capt. Ger Ahern and Lt. Jim Murphy all tried hard for an Eastern Comd. team which looked like winners for three quarters of the game.

Scorers

Motor Squadron	Cpl. Colm Colman	(2-0)
	Capt. D. Ahern	(0-2)
	Sgt. T. O'Shea	(0-2)
	Tpr. D. Nagle	
	Tpr. D. Barry	
	Tpr. M. Barry	1 point each
Eastern Comd. HQ	Capt. Ger Ahern	(0-6)
	Lt. T. Shaw	(0-3)
	Capt. Brendan Dooley	(0-1)

GOLF

The Defence Forces Golf Championships were held at the Castle Golf Club, Rathfarnham, Dublin, hosted by the Eastern Command. The fourball winners for Sunday were Comdt. P. Nash and Lt. G. Kelly with 6 up. The Championships, both Senior and Junior provided thrilling finishes. Comdt. T. Wall had a 77 on Monday but returned a brilliant 70 on Tuesday. Lt. G. Kelly, one of our great prospects for the future, needed a par 4 to win with one hole to play. His drive was in trouble and he finished with a 6. Comdt. Wall was a winner by one shot. In the Junior Championship Capt. E. Savage and Capt. D. Prendergast tied after 36 holes. In the play off Prendergast produced a fine chip shot at the 2nd tie hole to clinch the title. Capt. Savage had the consolation of having the best nett for 36 holes. The turnout at the Championships was very good. This may be partly due to the interesting fact that there are more Defence Forces members playing in the Castle Club than there are in the Curragh.

D. A.

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THE PRESIDENT'S MAN

The ubiquitous Basil Peterson must be one of the very few officers, if not the only one, who served on land, sea and air. In *The Irish Times* he told recently of how he was plucked from the Air Corps and sent as ADC to our first Uachtaran, Dr. Douglas Hyde.

'It puzzled me slightly that a first Lieutenant and a captain should be nominated as aides. Surely a president rated something higher and I knew that there were other Protestant officers available who were senior to me. It looked as if the presidential profile was being kept low. Ours not to reason why!'

Accompanied by Capt. Eamonn Butler, the other ADC, and Mr. Michael McDunphy, the President's Secretary, Lt. Peterson went to Roscommon to meet Dr. Hyde.

'When we arrived, Mr. McDunphy effected the introductions in the Irish language. My knowledge of the language was minimal in those days but Dr. Hyde rapidly switched to English while mentioning that his wife had no Irish.

We were already feeling the heat, dressed as we were in boots and breeches and wearing the high choke collar green tunics of those days. Despite this, we had to follow him around the grounds on a tour of inspection and became acutely aware of his age - he was in his 77th year - when, pointing to a tall tree, he said, "that cost me 3/6 when I planted it."

And so into the house to meet Mrs. Hyde - a frail woman with a waspish tongue. She was an Austrian whom he had met in Vienna while he was studying there and who was in no way pleased that her husband had been plucked out of his quiet retirement to go and live in the Park and play a form of politics.

MILITARY PROCEDURE

Sherry was produced and we two aides got down to the task of enlightening our future President on some of the more arcane mysteries of military procedure, such as inspecting a guard of honour and saluting the flag. This done we went into lunch.

We never saw Mrs. Hyde again. She refused to leave home and go to the Park. Some 6 months later she died.'

Basil Peterson describes the religious service in St. Patricks Cathedral which in those unecumenical days was attended only by the Presidents co-religionists.

The second article described the now familiar reception at the Castle and the delightful departure from protocol when the President leaped to his feet to meet his old friends from the Gaelic League.

Two interesting articles, maybe the Editor should reproduce them in full.

ARMY ATHLETICS

The road and track season has started with a great flourish by Army athletes. Pride of place must go to Private Sean Egan, Curragh, who has re-written the Irish Hammer records yet again and in the process has qualified for the Olympic games in Moscow - thus bridging a twenty year gap since we were last represented in the hammer in the Rome games of 1960. To talk of medals would, I feel, be a grave injustice to Sean, but we can be sure that he will represent the Army and the country in such a way that we can all be justifiably proud of his achievements.

While Pte. Egan was blazing his glory trail in Germany, things were not standing still at home. Cpl. Jimmy McGlynn, Eastern Command, after several fine performances in open 25 km championships on the Cork to Cobh course in April. This performance must rank as one of his finest ever, and equals if not surpasses his fifth placing in the National marathon of 1977, and one feels that it must lead to further International honours for him. The National Marathon held in extremely hot conditions in Tullamore in mid May was dominated by the Hooper brothers who finished in first and second places, but third place went to Cpl. Paddy Murphy (Curragh) who overcame the conditions much better than much more experienced Marathon men, to finish a very creditable third in a personal best time of two hours, twenty minutes and he must be considered extremely unlucky not to have been selected for Moscow - but he will have the consolation of being selected for a number of foreign trips in the green vest.

At the National relays held in Tullamore on the last Sunday in May, Lieutenant Gerry Delaney (Curragh) won two gold medals with his team Dublin City Harriers in the 4 x 100m Relay and the 4 x 400 Relay, and was subsequently selected to travel to Switzerland for the eight National International where he ran in the 400.

On June 1st Capt. Bernie O'Callaghan (East) decimated the field in the National 10,000m walking championship and after leading from start to finish came home more than two minutes in front of his nearest rival, Tim Hayes from Medway in England the 1979 title holder, in a new championship record of 48 min 55.24 sec. The following Sunday Capt. O'Callaghan lined up for the National 20 km road championships in Tuam and took the title again from the front, in a personal best time of 102 minutes with seven minutes to spare on his nearest rival.

Tullamore was the venue for the Eastern Region championships on June 15th and Gnr. Brendan Downey and Capt. Bernie O'Callaghan retained their titles in the 1500m and 3,000m walk respectively.

The Defence Forces championships took place on the tartan track in Belfield for the first time ever and the better facilities were enjoyed by athletes and spectators alike. Two new records were set up, in the 3,000m walk where Capt. Bernie O'Callaghan clipped their titles in the 1500m and 3,000m walk respectively.

The Defence Forces championships took place on the tartan track in Belfield for the first time ever and the better facilities were enjoyed by athletes and spectators alike. Two new records were set up, in the 3,000m walk where Capt. Bernie O'Callaghan clipped 25 seconds off the old figure which was set up last year when he won in 13m 50 secs, and in the 1500m where gunner Brendan Downey lowered the 1,500 record to 3m 57.74 sec and would surely have brought it much nearer to his personal best time of 3 min 45 sec but for the gale which opposed the athletes most of the way around the track. Lt. Gerry Delaney, Curragh, had a sprint double, winning the 100m in 10.7 and the 200m in 22.08 (wind assisted).

Cpl. Jimmy McGlynn ended Cpl. Paddy Murphys great run of six successive victories in the 5,000m when he won in a time of 15m 0.77 sec.

Pte. Sean Carlin (24 Bn.) retained the General Mulcahy trophy for the best all round athlete for the third year in succession. His victories were in the 110m Hurdles, High Jump and Triple Jump and he was runner up in the Long Jump, Discus and pole vault.

During the meeting in Belfield the Irish team for Copenhagen was announced and three members of the forces were selected. Lt. Gerry Delaney in the 400m, Capt. Bernie O'Callaghan in the 10,000 walk and Pte. Sean Egan in the hammer.

Cpl. Colin Fergus, 27th Inf. Batt. Dundalk, who participated in an International road relay in Katowice, Poland last month. A native of Dundalk, Cpl. Fergus is a member of the local branch of the NACA, which association sponsored him for the race. Thirty-one teams took part in the race which was held in poor conditions of rain and cold and the Irish finished 12th out of 31 teams.

In the Leinster Championships at Belfield later last month Cpl. Fergus came 2nd in the 10,000 metres with a time of 33 minutes 14 seconds. (Photo: Byrnes Photo Service).

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Results

100m	1	Lt. G. Delaney	Curragh	10.7 sec.
	2	Lt. Fitzgibbon	West	
	3	Pte. B. Moran	Curragh	
100m Hurdles	1	Pte. S. Carlin	West	(Not timed)
	2	Cadet M. Whelan	Curragh	
	3	Lt. Mealey	South	
200m	1	Lt. G. Delaney	Curragh	22.08 sec.
	2	Pte. B. Moran	Curragh	
	3	Lt. Fitzgibbon	West	
400m	1	Cpl. O'Reilly	South	52.66 sec.
	2	Lt. McCarrick	A/C	
	3	Capt. D. Cronin	East	
800m	1	Gnr. B. Downey	Curragh	1m. 57 sec.
	2	Pte. J. Carrick	East	
	3	Lt. Farrelly	Curragh	
1,500m	1	Gnr. B. Downey	Curragh	3m. 57.74 sec. (Record)
	2	Capt. K. Humphries	A/C	
	3	Pte. G. McCarrick	East	
5,000m	1	Cpl. J. McGlynn	East	15m 00.77 sec.
	2	Cpl. P. Murphy	Curragh	
	3	Pte. G. Rabbitte	East	
3,000m Walk	1	Capt. B. O'Callaghan	East	13m. 40 sec. (Record)
	2	Sgt. P. Carroll	East	
	3	Cpl. W. Quinn	East	
L. J.	1	Pte. C. Brennan	East	6.50m.
	2	Pte. S. Carlin	West	
	3	Lt. E. Sheehan	Curragh	
H. J.	1	Pte. S. Carlin	West	5 ft. 10 ins.
	2	Capt. J. O'Donavan	East	
	3	Lt. O'Sullivan	Curragh	
T. J.	1	Pte. S. Carlin	West	13.27m
	2	Lt. B. Healy	South	
	3	Lt. Whyte	A/C	

Pole Vault	1 App. Hyland	Curragh	3.85m.
	2 Pte. S. Carlin	West	
	3 Lt. O'Sullivan	Curragh	
Shot	1 Comdt. T. Egan	South	11.38m.
	2 Pte. McKinley	West	
	3 Sgt. Jinks	West	
Discus	1 Lt. W. McGrath	Curragh	124' 8"
	2 Pte. S. Carlin	West	
	3 Lt. F. Walsh	A/C	
Hammer	1 Lt. W. McGrath	Curragh	43.7m.
	2 Capt. Gaynor	Curragh	
	3 Sgt. Scott	East	
Javelin	1 Lt. B. Healy	South	148 ft. 9 ins.
	2 Cadet Whelan	Curragh	
	3 Pte. Gallagher	West	
T.O.W.	Senior	1 Curragh	2 South
	Novice	1 West	2 South
Medley Relay	1 Curragh		3m. 43 sec.
	2 East		
	3 Air Corps		

'Discus'

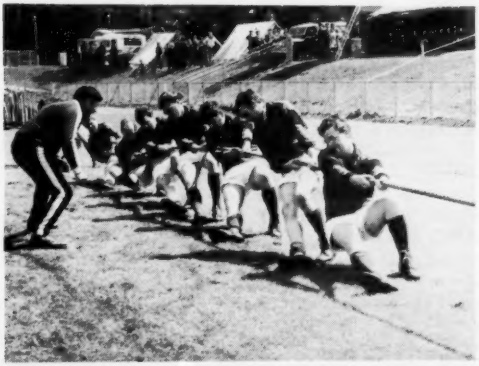
ALL ARMY ORIENTEERING CHAMPIONSHIPS
DEVILS GLEN, ASHFORD, CO. WICKLOW

Day 1 - Tuesday 20 May, 1980

Senior Individual	1st Capt. Young	Mil. College	67.25
(9.7 km)	2nd CQMS Lawlor	D Engrs.	81.20
	3rd Sgt. Byrne	D Sigs.	89.30
M 35	1st Comdt. Quirke	3 Inf. Bn.	70.45
(7.5 km)	2nd Sgt. McCormack	GTD	71.00
	3rd Comdt. Heaslip	AHQ	104.10
Junior Individual	1st Cpl. Cleary	30 Inf. Bn.	81.30
(7.5 km)	2nd Capt. Maguire	3 Inf. Bn.	82.10
	3rd Cpl. Morrisey	4 Inf. Bn.	93.45
Novice Individual	1st Capt. Donovan	5 Inf. Bn.	73.45
(7.5 km)	2nd Cpl. Harrington	1 Mot. Sqn.	79.10
	3rd Pte. Smith	30 Inf. Bn.	80.10
Novice Team Winners	C T Depot (E)		
	CQMS Monks		
	Sgt. Murphy		
	Cpl. Shields		
	Cpl. Delacey		
TOTAL TIME 403.45	Cpl. Tuite		

Day 2 - Wednesday 21 May, 1980

Inter Unit Relay	1st Comd. HQ	123.12
(5.0 km legs)	2nd 3 Inf. Bn.	139.09
	3rd Military College	150.18



The 1 Mt. Sq. team in action during the senior tug-of-war.

Gnr. B. Downey who broke the All-Army record in the 1,500m receiving his trophy from the Chief of Staff.

Capt. B. O'Callaghan AOC winner of the 3,000m. walk.

(Photographs by the Air Corps unless otherwise credited).

The Arrival of the 32nd Battalion in the Congo
A Personal Account

Lt. Col. Joseph Laffan, A.M.C.

My involvement with the 32nd Battalion began on Wednesday 20th July 1960. I was on leave in the Midlands when about mid-morning I received a telegram call from Army Headquarters asking if I would volunteer to serve as Senior Medical Officer with the 32nd Battalion which was to be formed for service with the United Nations in the new Republic of the Congo. I agreed. Fortunately I had been vaccinated against Smallpox some months earlier and so could be ready for departure at very short notice. I ended my holiday abruptly, returned to Dublin and passed the next two days in hasty preparation for a six months absence.

While the Battalion was being formed Comdt. Joseph Adams and I were selected to go to Leopoldville as an advance party of two. So, on the following Saturday, 23rd July, we left Dublin Airport flying first to Paris by Aer Lingus. There we were met by Embassy officials and some hours later we left in an Air France Constellation for Brazzaville. Around dawn we landed at Douala in the French Cameroons and had our first impressions of tropical Africa, its heat, humidity, brilliantly coloured plants and birds, and cheerful African ground staff clad in shorts and blouses. At 7 a.m. the plane took off on the last stage of the journey. On this stage we met a World Health Organisation official who had much useful information on local conditions. At Brazzaville airport a local official brought us to the city and straight to the river Congo where, along with a number of UN officials, we boarded a ferry which carried us across the frontier and into Leopoldville.

Photo, ABOVE:

HQ Staff 32 Irish Bn. ONUC, KIVU province, August 1960. *Front, left to right:* Comdt. M. O'Brien, Fr. C. Crean CA, Lt. Col. M. Buckley OC, Comdt. J. Adams, Lt. Von Bryarn (Interpreter). *2nd Row:* Comdt. F. Flemming, Lt. D. Huston, Comdt. J. Ryan, Capt. D. Boyle, Capt. J. Slye. *Rear:* Comdt. J. Laffan, Lt. Renstiorn (Interpreter), Capts. P. Reidy, P. Liddy, J. Moran, V. Brady. (Photo: *Irish Independent*).

The Congo river is about three miles wide at this point. The black immigration officials, who only days before had replaced white Belgian officials, were very confused and their formalities were brief. In a short while we were able to go by taxi to the newly established UN Headquarters at the Stanley Hotel. The Hotel was rapidly filling up and we were fortunate to get a room. After a wait, a gorgeously attired Danish aide brought us to meet the Commander of the UN Force, General Van Horn. In a brief interview General Van Horn gave the Irish Battalion the task of taking over Equateur Province and I was to make a reconnaissance flight to Stanleyville the next day. Comdt. Adams and I set to work with maps and worked out a plan. He had served as an observer with the UN in the Lebanon in 1958, in the first UN mission in which Ireland had participated in any way, and had brought lightweight tropical uniform with him. To my relief he was able to lend me one such uniform and we were glad to change from our heavy and hot Irish uniform.

We had a lot of dealing with Chief of Staff of Operations, Lt-Col. Brethien - a Canadian who gave us the bad news that there would be no tropical uniforms, no mosquito nets and little transport for our Battalion and that communication with outposts was likely to be by aircraft put at the disposal of the Battalion Commander. We had a very busy day and I quickly put aside my role as Medical Officer and took on tasks in A, Q, Intelligence and Communications as required while Comdt. Adams concentrated on Operations. In the evening General Van Horn changed the mission of the Battalion and gave it Kivu Province in the east, further away than Equateur, and reported to be more healthy and very beautiful.

I sent off a signal to Chief of Staff in Dublin through Geneva reporting on progress and plans. The days work finished with a lengthy conference with the Chief of Staff and others from 9.30 to 11.30 p.m. during which the nature and prospects of the UN intervention gradually became clearer to us. Next morning I found that the telex signal to Dublin had not been transmitted, so a new one was drafted. The day was spent in staff work in the hotel, looking for equipment and information and interviewing people. I reserved accommodation in another hotel for more of the advance party due to arrive from Ireland on the morrow. This gave me my first chance to walk out and see some of the city. Most of the people I saw were black Congolese, mostly idle, and many greeted me in a friendly manner. There were very few white people around. My impressions of Leopoldville were delightful - beautiful tropical trees in flower and a fragrance of blossoms in the air - though I thought that one would tire of the latter. On this walk I was accompanied by a reporter who sent back a report about "Comdt. Joe Laffan trudging the streets of Leopoldville in broiling tropical heat" which caused dismay and consternation to my family when it appeared in a Dublin newspaper.

In the evening plans for the employment of the 32nd Battalion were completed and a cable was sent to Dublin with details. One Company would go to Kindu, and the rest of the battalion to Goma on the northern shore of Lake Kivu.

On Tuesday 26th July I requisitioned a minibus and went to the "Beach" where I met the remainder of the Advance Party crossing from Brazzaville. The party consisted of Captain P. Liddy and Captain D. Sweeney and six NCOs who were hot, hungry and tired. After a short rest in their hotel I brought them to the Stanley where Comdt. Adams briefed them. The day was spent in organisation and planning and with the extra help the task proceeded very well. Next day I had to spend a long time with an Electricity Generating Company trying to communicate by radio with Bukavu at the Southern end of Lake Kivu. There was a lot of pressure from this Company to have Irish troops in Bukavu and I received a strong impression that this was for the benefit of the Company itself. Later I had to visit a supply depot of the Congolese Force Publique and to my surprise I was offered a supply of tropical uniforms, merely for my signature. On hearing of my good fortune, Captain Liddy wanted to do the same and made two unsuccessful efforts to reach the Depot. I made a visit to the Airport where final arrangements were made for the whole party to fly to Kivu next day. Comdt. Adams had hoped to fly to Goma that afternoon leaving me in charge, but the plane he was to use was committed elsewhere. So a final plan was made that we leave Leopoldville at 4 a.m. on Thursday, fly first to Kindu, then on to Goma. This gave us a big task to get all accumulated stores to the dump in a hangar at the airport and arrange a guard for the dump. My duties for the evening were all Q - arranging transport to the airport and rations for the journey. The best I could arrange for the latter, was a large packet of sandwiches prepared in the kitchen of the Stanley hotel, and a crate of Coca Cola - all at an exorbitant price.

Lt-Col. F. Lee arrived from Duboin to act as Liaison Officer in General Van Horn's staff and just in time to take over our hotel room.

At 2 a.m. on Thursday morning, after two hours in bed we were called and left for the airport with a great load of equipment. We had two minibuses to carry the whole advance party plus seven interpreters and two press men. At the airport we were told that we must wait for take-off until dawn about 6 a.m. About 6.20 we left on a Sabean DC4, with about 20 passengers and stores including mosquito nets, clothing, bright blue UN helmets, and surprisingly, petrol. It was a long and uneventful journey to Kindu - over savannas and rain forests. The sandwiches and Coca Cola were a great success. We landed at Kindu about 10 a.m. and on opening the aircraft door we felt a blast of

hot air as from an oven. At the airport terminal there was a garrison of Belgian Troops who were distinctly cool to us. Comdt. Adams, Captain Liddy and an interpreter went to the town and I was left to supervise unloading of stores for Kindu, with the help of many Congolese volunteers who were delighted with UN presence. Comdt. Adams returned about 11 and soon we left for Goma, leaving Captain Liddy and one sergeant in Kindu to prepare for the arrival of a company of the 32nd Battalion. Goma was about one hour further on and as we approached it we met our first troubles. The crew of our aircraft received a radio message stating that two other planes which had preceded us bringing supplies but no passengers, had been taken by Congolese troops. The Congolese were thought to be hostile. The aircrew and interpreters were worried and suggested that we should not land, but go on instead to safety at Usumburu in neutral Ruanda-Urundi. We could not agree to this and insisted that the plane land. Comdt. Adams and an interpreter left the aircraft first while I drafted a signal that I instructed the Navigator to radio to Leopoldville, telling what had happened.

We were to hear more about this later. A crowd quickly gathered around the plane with many armed soldiers and police who were able to exert very little authority. While Comdt. Adams and an interpreter harangued them, all our luggage and equipment was loaded on an army truck and taken away. Comdt. Adams had a steel trunk in which was a very large amount of Congolese currency - and this went also. After a lot of pointless talk our party was taken by bus to the Army camp where we sat in the Adjutant's office. All white Belgian officers had left the area and the camp was commanded by former NCOs. The atmosphere was tense, though we found the Congolese courteous and somewhat friendly. We were a source of interest to women and children in the camp who pressed at the windows to peer in at us. After a while the local Commander arrived. He was a middle aged African who wore NCO insignia and looked like an old pioneer sergeant. During a lengthy palaver a telephone rang and there was great excitement. The Congolese said that another plane had arrived. We were dubious, and Comdt. Adams decided to continue negotiating and to send me to the airfield. There I found no UN aircraft but a small Belgian plane had arrived from Ruanda. So I hastened back to the Camp but on the way I saw what appeared to be two large schools. The Congolese driver agreed to stop and wait while I made a quick inspection and found that they were closed up but in good condition and likely to be a good billet for our troops. Negotiations were well advanced when I arrived back and soon we were brought, with our personal luggage, through the town to a fine resort hotel, the Grand Lacs Hotel, near the lake. We checked in and had a late lunch.

Christmas 1960 - KAMINA. *Left to right:* Fr. Crean HCF, Comdt. Laffan, Fr. Brophy CF, Comdts. Ryan and Carroll.

Our next move was to visit the Civil Administrator, an educated Congolese who made a much better impression than the Military Commander. Negotiations with him were fruitful so we proceeded to a meeting place in the Congolese quarters of Goma. Here Comdt. Adams spoke, through an interpreter, to an enthusiastic crowd, convinced them of the peaceful nature of our mission, and to my dismay, told them that the Irish Doctor would help the population. Very quickly we became acceptable. On the way back to the hotel we were able to make a fuller inspection of the two schools I had found, and agreed that they would suit admirably for the Battalion.

At 8 pm various Congolese dignitaries came to meet us at the hotel and joined us at dinner. We sat at a large table in the centre of the dining room with some Belgian residents at the side tables regarding with horror, the sight of white Officers and civilians dining with five or six black Congolese. The old Commander came, carrying a submachine gun and a grenade, and with a bodyguard standing behind him. Conversation was awkward since not all the Congolese could speak French. However, the meal was a social success as we were given assurance of co-operation, a promise that all stores hijacked in the morning would be returned to the airfield before dawn, and we were granted the use of the two schools. The meeting broke up at ten, leaving us very tired.

We were called at 3.45 a.m. and had transport to take us to the airfield by 4.30. Here we waited until dawn. It was quite chilly since Goma is situated about 4500 feet above sea level. We had no radios or any means of communicating with U.S. Airforce aircraft which would ferry in our troops so the only way to signal our presence was to station our party, including interpreters along one side of the airstrip

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THE NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE - INDIA

Lt. Col. C. McGuinn,*
Military College.

THE National Defence College in New Delhi was inaugurated by the then Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on the 27th April 1960. Each year since then, a National Defence Course has been conducted in the College. The Course takes approximately eleven months to complete.

The aim of the Course is to prepare senior officers of the Armed Forces and Civil Services for higher responsibilities by enabling them to study together those aspects of national and international affairs which significantly affect security, foreign and defence policies. Training at the College is therefore designed to familiarise these officers with the various political, social, economic, scientific, psychological, military and other aspects involved in strategic planning.

When India gained Independence the centre of policy-making shifted from London to New Delhi. For the first time India had become responsible for her own security. Security was itself becoming more complex and the need for close co-operation between the Armed Forces and the Civil Authority was greater than before. Officers of the Armed Forces who operated in a somewhat isolated world during British Rule, had now to be brought into the mainstream of national life. It was necessary to forge new bonds between them and their civilian counterparts.

It was felt at that time and the view is still held, that effective defence of a State was not a matter just for the Armed Forces, it involves all the State's resources both manpower and material and the ability of the State in harnessing these resources to the task. All departments of the administrative machinery must be geared and directed to one goal - ultimate victory. This may be easy to achieve in a totalitarian state, in a democracy; however, it cannot be done without mutual understanding between the Armed Forces and the Civil Services and between both of these and private sector leaders. The senior Civil Servant should know the problems of defence, the role and workings of the Armed Forces. Likewise the senior Military Officer on his part should understand the viewpoint of the Civil Servant and know the constitutional and administrative limitations under which he functions. Both should be aware of the problems of defence in their larger perspectives, the possibilities and limitations of geography and international politics as also the interplay of economics, social elements, science, technology and defence.

This line of thinking led the Estimate Committee of Parliament to recommend in 1956, the setting up of an institution similar to what is now called The Royal College of Defence Studies, located in London, previously called the Imperial Defence College; where senior Indian officers have trained in the past. It was in pursuance of this recommendation that the Government of India decided to set up a National Defence College in New Delh.. Inaugurating the College in 1960 the then Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said: *"Defence itself is not an isolated matter now. It is intimately connected with economic, industrial and many other aspects . . . India today has become positively and actively defence-conscious. Our desire is to continue to live peacefully and co-operatively with all our neighbours. Nevertheless, NO defence apparatus can exist in a purely idealistic way. It has to be very realistic and remain prepared for any emergency. The National Defence College has become a positive necessity to meet defence problems as they are likely to be in the future and it has come none too soon."*

Located in the capital of India, the National Defence College has easy access to two Universities - Jawaharlal Nehru and Delhi - also Parliament, the Diplomatic Staffs, the Civil Service, the headquarters of each of the three Armed Services, scientific and research institutes. These provide for much of the instruction through lectures, briefings. seminars. visits and by their library facilities. For administrative control the College is treated as an inter-services organisation directly under the Ministry of Defence.

The College Directing Staff consists of a College Commandant assisted by five Senior Directing Staff members, also secretarial, training and administrative staffs. The Commandant is of the rank of Lieutenant General or its equivalent in each of the other two Armed Services. The appointment is filled in rotation every two years by an officer from one of the three Armed Services. The Commandant is assisted by five senior officers - one each from the Army, the Naval Service and the Air Force - also two civilians, one from the Diplomatic Service and one from the Administrative Service. These officers are designated Senior Directing Staff and are of the rank of Major General or its equivalent in the other Armed Services, or of the status of joint secretary to the Government of India. The secretary is a Brigadier General, while

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* *Lt. Col. McGuinn attended a National Defence Course in New Delhi last year.*

IN THE PUNJAB

Seated from left (Indian unless otherwise stated): Air Commodore Perera (Sri Lanka), Col. Mbeule (Zambia), Rear Admiral Roy, Governor of the PUNJAB Shri Bhalla, Lt. Col. McGuinn, Air Commorore Tilak. *Standing from left:* Captain Gairola, Col. Bhan Dari, Brigadier Kumar, Brigadier Kurup, Captain Chauhan, Air Commodore George, Group Captain Singhal, Shri Sundaram (Liaison Officer).

the training and administrative sections are headed by officers of Lieutenant Colonel rank or its equivalent.

Armed Forces officers of the rank of Colonel or Brigadier General or their equivalent ranks in the Naval Service and Air Force and civilian officers including scientists, of the status of Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, or above; are nominated for training at the College. Students from the Armed Forces of foreign countries having the rank of Colonel, Brigadier General or Major General are also accepted on the Course. The class normally consists of fifty students allocated as follows: Army - fifteen. Air Force - ten, Naval Service - five, civilian students - twelve, and foreign students - eight. The College is now being extended so that more students can be taken on the Course each year. The foreign students come from Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia.

The academic discipline underlying the programme derives from the mission of the College. Included are studies in those academic and practical fields which are considered essential at this level. The course covers the broad aspects of strategy and policy and the Syllabus includes the following:

a. A series of introductory lectures on some general theoretical aspects and on developments in India over the years, its national interests and aspirations.
b. The socio-political structure of India; policies and measures required to ensure India's all-round development and progress including social and political stability.
c. The strengths and weaknesses of the Indian economy and ways and means of building up a buoyant economy, self-reliant and capable of meeting the requirements of social justice and the needs of security.
d. Scientific and technological progress in recent years. India's ability to achieve self-reliance in critical areas such as energy and defence requirements.
e. A study of other countries with emphasis on the super and major powers and on certain critical areas. These are studied from various points of view such as: social, political, economic, scientific and military. Countries are considered individually and in the context of their many economic and military groupings.
f. The problems of national defence, higher defence control and management.
g. Threats to national security both internal and external and the formulation of strategies to meet these threats in the context of a total strategy and Government policy.

Knowledge is acquired and opinions formed and tested at the College through reading, lectures, study tours and discussion. Lectures are normally given in the morning and the afternoon is usually devoted to private study or syndicate discussion. A syndicate usually consists of from eight to ten students. Syndicate discussions take the form of a free and frank exchange of ideas and the experience and specialised knowledge of individual members. The atmosphere is informal so as to help generate intellectual curiosity and enlarge perspective thinking.

The guest-lecture programme plays an important role in the work of the College. Lectures are given by the best available authorities on the subject under study. All lectures are followed by a discussion period. Generally three types of lecturers

are invited. First those who are responsible for formulating policies. second those who interpret and execute policies, and third academics. Senior politicians including the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister for Defence address and have discussions with the students.

Field tours form an important part of the curriculum. They enable students to get a better understanding of the developments taking place in the various fields of national activity. Furthermore, personal contacts are established during such tours which lead to a better understanding of the inter-relationship between all these developments and military affairs, among both students and leaders in these various fields.

For the purposes of these tours, officers on the Course are divided into groups, each group visiting a different industrial complex in the country. They include visits both to public and private sector industries, meetings are arranged with industrial leaders for an exchange of views.

The Governors and Chief Ministers of the States visited are also called upon, with a view to gaining an understanding of the developmental programmes and problems in the States. Short visits are arranged for industrial estates, technical and research institutes, Universities, village development projects and discussions are held with their senior staffs or leaders.

Visits to neighbouring countries include those bordering on or close to India, while foreign countries include those further afield in Asia, Europe or Africa. These study tours give student officers, both military and civilian, a chance of meeting high-ranking politicians, academics, scientists and military offices and of exchanging views and opinions. Visits to various academic, industrial and military installations further enable students to assess the new developments in various fields in these countries. The visits also play a part in helping to promote and maintain cordial relations between these countries and India. On the completion of each tour there is a general exchange of ideas by means of a series of presentations given before the whole Course by each group; so that each other's views are pooled and shared by all.

The National Defence College celebrated its twentieth anniversary this year. It is highly ranked among the world's defence institutions. It is for this reason that it visits, and is visited by the students from similar institutions in other countries. Scholars are happy to use its forum as a sounding board for their ideas on political, economic, scientific and strategic affairs. Permanent friendships are also forged during the Course, resulting in greater understanding and co-operation when officers who trained at the College work together in later life.

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and hope that the pilot would spot the thin line of blue UN helmets or berets and draw the right conclusion, that the situation was under control. At 6 a.m. we took up our positions. I waited in a bus at the end of the runway and waited anxiously. At 8 a.m. a US Lockheed troop carrier arrived, circled the airfield once, and landed. Soon we were able to greet Lt-Col. Mortimer Buckley, Commanding Officer of the 32nd Battalion, Rev. Fr. Crean, Chaplain, and other Officers. Of particular interest to me was my colleague Comdt. Henry O'Shea of the Army Medical Corps who had welcome letters from home for me. Among the troops was a kilted pipe band who charmed and fascinated the crowd of Congolese who were swarming around. The band formed up and marched around playing Irish tunes. Fairly soon afterwards a second plane landed. This was a Sabena aircraft with a detachment of Tunisian troops sent by UN to recover the stores captured the previous day, and restore order. Actually, they were almost an embarrassment. One other USAF plane arrived with more troops. We were completely dependent on the Congolese troops for transport to the two schools which we turned into our camp. In admirably quick time, the cooks had prepared an austere meal of bully beef, hard biscuits and tea which all relished and needed. The advance party, its task successfully completed, quickly merged with the unit and we worked all day. The newly arrived troops were still in heavy home uniforms and it was more than 24 hours before a basic issue of tropical uniform was issued to all. Most of the Officers and men had been vaccinated against smallpox only a very short time before departure, and very many were still sick. I had no alternative but to attend briefly to some who still had high temperatures, and then have them pick up their rifles and prepare to go on guard duty. The 32nd was very quickly involved in its first peace keeping activity. Another Officer and I were sent in the afternoon to the airfield as more troops were expected to arrive. None came but instead, a small aircraft arrived carrying a Belgian Officer who met another Officer who was waiting for him. Soon an ugly scene developed with Congolese surrounding the two Belgians, waving guns and arguing angrily. Our interpreter left quickly to summon help and I tried to intervene. Our local Congolese Army Commander, the two Belgians and I were brought in a jeep to Police headquarters and soon it was apparent that we were under virtual arrest. There was a great deal of pointless arguing which quickly resolved when Comdt. Adams and a detachment of Irish troops arrived, and the Belgians were released.

By sunset the Camp was fairly well organised and we still had some Congolese army transport and their drivers. Then back to Camp and I could feel that the 32nd Battalion was in business.

EASTERN COMMAND

Officers of the 8 Inf. Bn. who received the second bar to the Service Medal from OC E/Comd. FCA Col. G. O'Sullivan at the Bn. Parade in Monaghan Bks. *Front, L/R:* Comdt. P. Duffy, Comdt. G. McMahon, Col. G. O'Sullivan, Capt. M. O'Sullivan Adm. officer 8 Bn., Comdts. P. Sands, G. Callan. *Back:* Capts. G. Maloney. D. McCullough, Lt. A. Farrell, Capt. J. Gilleese, Lts. O. Garvey, O. Murray.

At a reception to mark the **Marcom Group**'s winning seven **Clio** Advertising Awards in Brussels are: *L/R:* Mr. Brian Murphy, Vice-Chairman, Marcom Group; Major General W. Callaghan, Adjutant General; Mr. Charles O'Reilly, Principal Officer, Department of Defence; Mr. Ken Flynn, Creative Director, Marcom Group. The RTE Army Recruiting Advertisement won a premier award. (Photo: F. Fennell).

LEFT:

At the ONE National Convention held in Collins Barracks, Dublin, *left to right:* Ex-CQMS A. Taylor, BSM, C. D. Houlihan, Ex-BSM M. Roche, C/S S. McPhillips.

Past Presidents of ONE, *L/R:* T. McCormack, C. McCarthy, L. Doyle, President, J. McGann, P. Hayes DSM and Bro. Basil.

DFAA fixtures August

All Army pitch and putt 26/27 - Curragh.

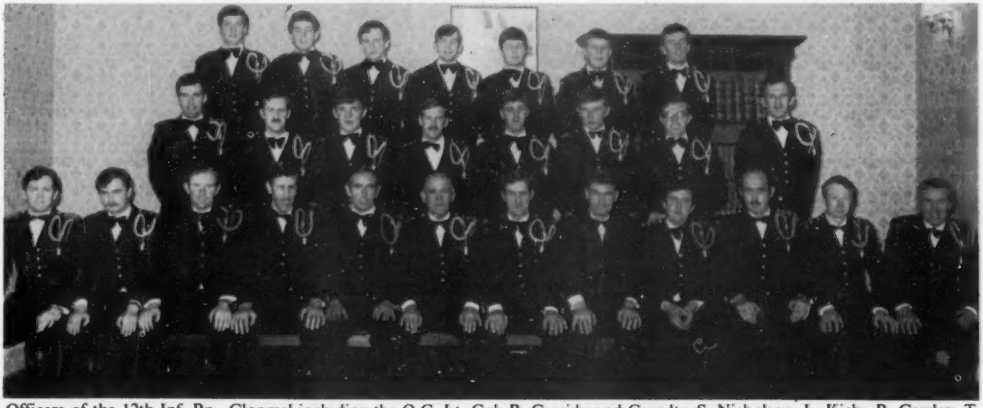
SOUTHERN COMMAND

Newly promoted G.O.C. S. Comd. Brig. Gen. J. F. Gallagher with Cpl. G. White who completed a Pot. N.C.O.'s Course at Collins Bks. (Photo: Sgt. M. Twomey).

Newly promoted Cpl. P. Heaphy with his father C/S E. Heaphy 3 Garr. M.P.C. (Photo: Sgt. M. Twomey).

At the unveiling of a monument to victims of the Glen of Imaal explosion at Collins Bks. Cork the A.G. Maj. Gen. W. Callaghan and Brig. Gen. K. Nunan. (Photo: Sgt. M. Twomey).

Mrs. Anne Dineen who designed and executed the memorial. She is a daughter of Lt. Col. S. Hennessy, AID, S. Command. (Photo: Sgt. M. Twomey)



Officers of the 12th Inf. Bn., Clonmel including the O.C. Lt. Col. B. Cassidy and Comdts. S. Nicholson, L. Kiely, R. Cawley, T. Fleming, P. Daly and L. O'Connor.

WESTERN COMMAND

4 Nally brothers serve in the W. Comd. One is at present with UNIFIL, but here is latest recruit Michael (centre) with the other two brothers. (Photo: P. Devaney).

Comdt. D. Johnson, 4 Fd. Arty, Regt., Mullingar, winner of Western Command B.A.P. Competition.

Pte. F. Sherlock who passed out in the 6 Inf. Bn. with his sister Marion. (Photo: P. Devaney).

RSM. J. McDonagh (centre) SMG Champion, Western Comd. with (left) CQMS D. Flynn and Sgt. H. Barclay.
(Photo: P. Devaney)

Sportsman of the Year (LEFT)

A very successful Sportsman of the Year competition has just been completed in Rockhill House. The competition included both individual and team games. The Sports included - Cross Country Race, Snooker, Table Tennis, Fun Run, Darts, Badminton (Doubles and Singles), Swimming, Basketball, Volleyball and 5 a Side Soccer. After 9 weeks of successful competition Pte. S. McKinley, came out tops with a very close runner-up in Pte. F. Martin (Left).

The photograph shows Comdt. B. O'Reilly, OC, 'B' Coy., 28 Inf. Bn. and Rockhill House presenting a Perpetual Cup to Pte. McKinley, with Pte. Martin in the centre.

CURRAGH COMMAND

The Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. C. O'Sullivan with Brig. Gen. D. Hurley & Mrs. Hurley, The G.O.C. Curragh Command retired after 33 years service. (Photo: O. McCrossan).

Col. T. Hanlon with Pte. J. Russell, best soldier on a Pot. NCO Course at McDonagh Bks. (Photo: O. McCrossan).

Irish Chess Master Eamonn Keogh in play with members of the Curragh Chess Club.

Brig. Gen. Hurley during the Stand-down parade to mark his retirement. (Photo: Cpl. M. Lally).

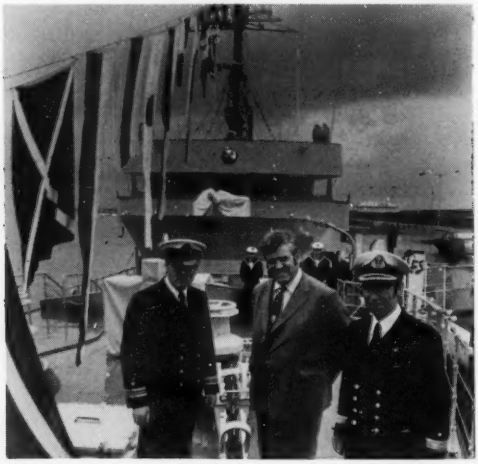
CQMS E. Fitzsimons D. Arty. with the G.O.C. Curragh after Magee Bks. team won the Comd. league for the first time in 20 years. Sgt. R. Gibney on left. (Photo: Cpl. M. Lally).

Col. E. Belanger and Maj. D. Toole from the Canadian Womens' Service Corps with, from left, Cols. H. Crowley, E. Condron, J. Gallagher and Capt. R. Twomey, Comdt. J. Shreenan, Lt. Cols. N. Bergin and C. O'Sullivan, Capts. C. Moore and P. Rossiter. (Photo: Cpl. A. O'Brien).

NAVAL SERVICE

During a training cruise in the Mediterranean the crew of LE Aoife were received by the Holy Father, shown here with Lt. Comdr. E. McNamara N.S.

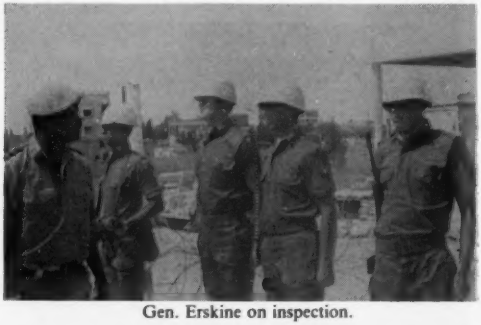
Four new officers in An Slua Muiri at Sarsfield Bks., Limerick, L/R: Lieut. Cdr. A. M. Kehoe N.S. Staff Officer Slua Muiri, Ens. J. N. O'Toole S.M. No. 4 Coy., Ens. M. O'Cearbhaill S.M. No. 4 Coy., Ens. E. O'Reilly S.M. No. 5 Coy., Ens. M. Commiskey S.M. No. 1 Coy., Lieut. J. A. Robinson N.S., O/C Southern Group, Slua Muiri.



Aboard the L. E. Aisling at Dun Laoire, Commodore P. Kavanagh, FOCNS, Mr. P. Power, Minister for Fisheries & Forestry and Lt. Cdr. P. McElhinney, Captain. (Photo: F. Miller, Irish Press).

47 Inf. Bn. UNIFIL

Maj. Gen. E. Erskine with L/R Lt. Col. F. Stewart, Comdt. W. Comer, and Comdt. E. Heskin.



Gen. Erskine on inspection.

The Inspection Party on Hill 880.

OFFICERS PROMOTIONS - JUNE

Name	Prom. To	Appt. From	Appt. To
Gallagher, J.	Brig. Gen.	D. Trg. CS's Br. AHQ	GOC S.Comd.
Dunne, F.	A/Col.	O/C 'A' Adm. AGs Br.	DAG
Byrne, D.	A/Col.	W. Comd. FCA	Comdt. Mil. Col.
Clancy, L.	A/Col.	OC 6 Inf. Bn.	Comdt. Inf. Sch. Mil. Col.
Fagan, J.	A/Col.	EO C. Comd. HQ	Bde. OC 6 Bde.
Crowley, D.	Lt. Col.	HQ E. Comd.	OC 1 Grn MPC
Moriarty, T.	A/Lt. Col.	QMGs Br.	Retains Appt.
Condron, P.	A/Lt. Col.	HQ C. Comd.	EO 1 Bde. HQ
Deegan, B.	A/Lt. Col.	OC 4 Fd. Sigs.	SO D. Sigs.
O'Sullivan, J.	Comdt.	1 Grn. Ord. Coy	O/C Naval Wksps. 3 Grn. Ord. Coy.
Wickham, B.	A/Comdt.	7 FA Regt. (FCA)	Stn. Adjt. Adm. Wing, Air Corps
Lynch, P.	A/Comdt.	HQ Coy 47 Inf. Bn. (UNIFIL)	Retains Appt.
Heery, M.	A/Comdt.	QMG's Br. AHQ	O/C Planning Sec. QMGs Br.
Kenly, M.	A/Comdt.	UNTSO	Retains Appt.
Collins, M.	A/Comdt.	Depot Engrs.	Sch. Comdt. Sch. of Mil. Engr. Depot Engrs.
Daly, P.	A/Comdt.	2 Mot. Sqdn	Sqdn Comd. 5 Mot Sqdn. (FCA)
Breslin, E.	A/Comdt.	2 FA Regt.	Asst. 10 E Comd. HQ
Twomey, R.	A/Comdt.	Depot Arty.	Coy. Comd. HQ Coy. 5 Inf. Bn.
Earley, A.	A/Comdt.	Sch. of Physical Culture GTD	OIC Ops. Staff HQ 6 Bde.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR PEACE

The Photographic Society of Ireland, with the co-operation of the Army Press Office, have organised a photographic competition and exhibition as a tribute to the work of the Army with the United Nations in the Lebanon.

Competition: *Category 1 – Black and White Prints. Category 2 – Colour Prints. Category 3 – Colour Slides.*

Prizes:

The Photographic Society of Ireland will award a Silver and a Bronze medal in each category. Further prizes of Photographic Supplies etc. will also be awarded.

Exhibition:

An exhibition of the prizewinning works submitted for the competition, will be held in Dublin from 21st to 30th of September, 1980. 'An t-Uachtaran', Mr. Patrick Hillery will open the exhibition and present the prizes.

Conditions of Entry

1. *Entering the competition signifies acceptance of these conditions.*
2. *The competition is open to all Irish soldiers who have served in the Lebanon.*
3. *The photographs must be the work of the entrant.*
4. *The subject of the photographs must be: "The role of the Army as Peace Keepers and/or their relationship with the local community".*
5. *Each soldier may submit entries in any or all of the categories.*
6. *There is no limit to the number of photographs each entrant may submit.*
7. *The selection of entries for the exhibition will be made by a panel appointed by the P.S.I.*
8. *The judges decision will be final.*
9. *Every possible care will be taken, but the P.S.I. cannot accept responsibility in case of loss or damage.*
10. *The P.S.I. reserves the right to reproduce any print or slide for publicity and/or catalogue for this exhibition.*
11. *Exhibitors are asked to pay attention to the need for adequate packing to ensure safe delivery of prints and slides. All entries will be returned in their original containers.*
12. *Prints should be between a minimum size of 7" x 5" and maximum size of 12" x 16" and should be unmounted.*
13. *The back of each print must carry the following information: Title or caption; Entrants number, rank, name and Unit.*
14. *TRADE PROCESSED PRINTS ARE ELIGIBLE.*
15. *All slides must be clearly marked with a title and must be spotted in the lower left corner as viewed in the hand. The following information must be on the back of each mount: Entrants Number, Rank, Name and Unit.*

Entries To: *Photographs for Peace, Army Press Office, Army Headquarters, Parkgate, Dublin 8.*

Closing Date: *FRIDAY 29th AUGUST 1980.*

WHAT THE PAPERS NOTICE

CORPORAL CONN

Corporal Conn was only ten years old but he had nine years distinguished Army Service. There's a shaggy dog story for you.

He was of course the colourful Irish Wolfhound presented by the Waltons to the Fifth Battalion. No, not the Waltons of T.V. fame, the Waltons of Radio fame - 'if you feel like singing DO sing an Irish Song'. He was a much appreciated gift and Conn's offspring are now serving in a number of Units. If we are not mistaken P. D. O'Donnell, a name not unknown on these pages, was very much involved in the beginning of it all.

Many of the papers mourned the passing of CONN who very sadly had to be put down when a painful ailment refused to respond to treatment. As the *Evening Herald* said -

'After intensive examination the agonising decision to put him out of his pain was taken yesterday morning and he was put to sleep.

He was attached to the 5th Battalion and made his last public appearance three weeks ago, appropriately, at the Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen's parade from Collins Barracks to Arbour Hill cemetery.

An Army spokesman said yesterday that most of Cpl. Conn's offspring were serving as mascots in Army units in the border area.'

GENERAL TOM BARRY

The death of General Tom Barry in Cork received considerable coverage in all papers and resulted in an Oration at halftime in a Munster Football Final which must be a unique occurrence.

The Irish Times had two tributes side by side which produced two very contradictory statements. Sean Cronin describing Tom Barry as arguably the best military tactician thrown up in Ireland since Sarsfield' had this to say about him in the Emergency period -

'When the second World War began and the State needed soldiers, Barry offered his services. Perhaps because of his politics, or perhaps because they didn't know what to do with this legendary guerrilla soldier, the Army treated him like any other recruit and sent him marching up and down the square. Being Tom Barry, he packed his gear and returned home to Cork. If they needed him they knew where to find him, he decided.'

Lieut-General M. J. Costello, writing in the adjoining column about Tom Barry, 'If he had been a soldier of France 200 years ago and had not lost his life in Battle, he might well have become Napoleons greatest marshal'. General Costello, who must be the supreme authority on what went on in the First Division, continues:

'When the call to arms came in 1940, Barry was one of the first to respond and he was a tower of strength in the Southern Command. He took over the position of operations officer with a confidence in himself and a skill worthy of any staff school graduate. His planning of defensive measures showed shrewd judgment and remarkable insight into the capabilities and weaknesses of possible invaders.

His immense prestige among IRA veterans, and much of the youth, was also a great asset. At Command headquarters he got on extremely well with a group of strong-minded men who had taken the opposite side in the Civil War. He won the admiration of young graduates of the Irish Military College: three of these have since become Chiefs of Staff and I like to think that they owe something of their elevation to the arduous testing under Barry's direction'.

So even in death Tom Barry is a controversial, complex figure.

CRISIS AGAIN

Under the headline 'MANPOWER CRISIS IS FACING IRISH ARMY' the *Evening Herald* had an article by Ray Smith. (Can this be Raymond Smith after a minor operation).

According to Ray -

'The Irish Army faces a manpower crisis which threatens national security. The Army is 3,664 short of its staff level of 15,460 men, despite a huge recruiting campaign that cost £220,000.

Although the campaign attracted 1,283 recruits, a staggering 1,287 soldiers left the Army between last October and March. Now as the recruitment campaign peters out the Army faces serious shortages in vital security protection work'.

One is always grateful for the interest but why does one always get annoyed when a writer refers to the IRISH ARMY as if there was any other in question. Maybe one is getting old and pernickety. But to quote further -

'Our Army men, only have a chance of saving some money when they go on oversea duty.

Ordinary soldiers tell of the manner in which their home life is completely disrupted through the demands of escort duty and prison duty. And there is something of a vicious circle in the way the situation has developed. As soldiers leave, those remaining find there is a greater burden falling on them - and the hours of extra duties can become longer and longer.'

Immediately below the article was a heading which read -

SPORTS OFFICER IS SHOT DEAD.

It conjured up visions of a harassed Sergeant Major who had sought the ultimate revenge on the Sports Officer who wanted the Hurling Team struck off duty for a month to prepare for the All Army. But it referred to an unfortunate Basket Ball official in Puerto Rico. So the Sergeants Major are still coping, somehow.

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OBITUARY

EX-FLIGHT-SERGEANT P. L. CANAVAN

On Saturday, 3rd May, 1980, Patrick Leo Canavan was laid to rest in Palmerstown Cemetery, Co. Dublin, after 11 o'clock Mass in the church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mourne Road, Drimnagh, Dublin. Born in Dublin on 21st June, 1900, Leo as he was known to all and sundry, died in the Meath Hospital Dublin, after a long illness. Endowed as he was with an iron constitution, Leo knew how to combat pain and suffering for he had endured plenty.

Leo Canavan enlisted in the National Army on 3rd January, 1923, and after an initial training on the Curragh was posted to the infant Irish Air Service at Baldonnel (Casement) Aerodrome, Co. Dublin, as a Sailmaker, he having been employed as such in a civilian capacity with the British regime at Islandbridge (Clancy) Barracks, Dublin. Leo's skill as a Sailmaker was required for the maintenance and overhaul of the Irish military aircraft of that period. His first task was to organise the ex-R.A.F. Dope Shop to cater for the biplanes with their wooden (silver spruce) airframes covered with tailored unbleached linen and brush painted with Dope (aircraft varnish) this having the effect of making the fabric taut and almost weatherproof.

Leo progressed to the rank of Sergeant and having married occupied one of the four married quarters that then existed in the Aerodrome's upper camp and started raising his family. In 1928, a Fairy III F biplane with three open cockpits which could be converted to become a seaplane, was purchased to aid in Sea Fisheries patrolling. On the 10th September, 1934, Leo having carried out some work on the Fairy III F was a crew member when it left Baldonnel piloted by Lt. Arthur Russell, (a younger brother of the late Col. C. F. Russell) the third crew member being a Pte. P. Twomey occupying the second cockpit and Leo the rere cockpit. The aircraft had been gone for just a short time when news was received in Baldonnel that it had crashed into the front garden of the late Judge Meredith's home in Terenure, Dublin, was burning fiercely with its crew killed.

The news of the disaster was conveyed by the then Adjutant's wife, Mrs. D. J. Murphy, to Leo's pregnant spouse, Kathleen. Mrs. Murphy remained with this shocked lady helping to console her. A crash-party was rushed from Baldonnel, the writer being an N.C.O., member, and on arriving at the scene of the crash found the Dublin Fire Brigade hosing down the still burning wreckage, and it was then we learned that Leo had been thrown clear and taken to the Meath Hospital, Dublin, suffering from severe burns and not expected to survive, but he did, and after a period of six months he was transferred to St. Bricin's Military Hospital, Dublin.

Leo Canavan had indeed suffered extensive burns to his face, fingers, hands, forearms, legs and other parts of his body. His wearing of a leather flying helmet and goggles had saved his eyes and part of his scalp, but his Roman nose as such, had been burned away leaving him a ghastly sight. After a period of time he was transferred to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, London, England, where that great pioneer of plastic surgery, the late Mr. R. Kinler, with skin taken from Leo's chest had grafted on him a new Roman nose. In all over a period of time, Mr. Kinler carried out a total of thirty plastic operations on Leo, in which he grafted flesh from various parts of his body to scalp, face, fingers, hands and forearms. The severe burns had left some of the fingers unmovable, but Leo overcame this handicap by sheer willpower, and after a period of time was able to use a brush, pen and Billiards cue for his beloved game of Snooker at which he was no mean player. Indeed Leo was to prove himself a Man among men, for he suffered much without complaint.

Leo retired from the Air Corps with the rank of Flight-Sergeant on 31st June, 1966, having served 43 years and 150 days, and obtained employment in the Technical Stores which gave him a total of 49 years and six months association with Irish military aviation at Baldonnel. We who knew and served with Leo Canavan mourn his passing, and to his widow, Kathleen, and his family, we tender our deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace. Ni bheidh a leitheid ann aris. I measg na Naomh go raiba. se.

H. McC.

Col. James Fitzmaurice (centre) visiting Baldonnel in 1962 with *(L/R):* Mr. J. R. Maher (then with Aer Lingus and formerly a C/S in the Air Corps), Mr. G. Burton, Col. W. Keane and F/S B. L. Canavan. (Air Corps Photo).

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AND SEE THE WORLD

Mention of the Naval Service in the papers of three countries, no less. Join the Navy and really go places.

The National dailies here all reported the cruise of L. E. Aoife to Portugal, Malta, Italy and Gibraltar. In Rome the crew were granted a Papal Audience and the Cork Examiner reports:-

'At the Papal audience the Pope was accompanied by his personal secretary Fr. Magee. His Holiness presented momentos to each individual member of the ship's company and asked them to convey his blessings and good wishes to the Defence Forces.

The Pope stated that he was still very mindful of his visit to Ireland and he was most favourably impressed when he learned that all the men were volunteers to the Naval Service.

Lt/Cdr. McNamara presented the Pope with an Atlas of Ireland by the Royal Irish Academy.'

An Italian paper had a historic photograph of the lucky crew with the Holy Father and the comment that 'Tenent Commander Signor MacNamara che ha donato el Papa un atlante dell' Irlande'.

The *Times* of Malta had a photograph of Aoife berthed at Marina Pinto and reported -

'*Aoife* is an offshore patrol vessel armed with one

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40mm gun and can carry a helicopter. She is regarded as eminently suitable to patrol the 200 mile fishery zone and in future, when oil is found in commercial quantities, could guard the oil rigs.

SILENT SOLDIERS

The following cryptic letter in *The Irish Times*:-

"Sir,

I noted with interest that Eugene McEldowney's impressive portrait (June 3rd) of Lieutenant General Carl O'Sullivan, Chief of Staff of the Defence Forces made no reference to the Civil Service thumb which, according to a recent editorial ("Silent Soldiers") in your paper, lay heavily on the Army.

And what has become of the soldierly silence which upset you so much? Evidently your editorial removed at the double both the thumb and the silence. Good work!

Yours etc.

S. KEARNEY,

10 St. Catherine's Park,

Glenagerary, Co. Dublin."

The writer is, we believe, the former Secretary of the Department of Defence. There was no mistaking the import of his letters in those days but on a random canvass in regard to this epistle we got the following reaction.

Its For us - 3

Its agin us - 2

I Don't Know - 4 (did not read the Editorial in question)

Maybe its a teaser trailer for the publication of his Memoirs in Magill!

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BOOK REVIEWS

HEAD-DRESS BADGES OF THE BRITISH ARMY, Volume Two. Arthur L. Kipling; Hugh L. King. Frederick Muller Ltd. £22.50.

Messrs. Kipling and King need no introduction to the world of Military Badge collecting; they are experts in this field in the real sense of the word, and both dedicated to this important study. The second volume of their definite work covers the period from the end of the great war to the present day. Divided into 22 chapters, the head-dress badge of each regiment, corps and unit is carefully described in the same professional manner as in the first volume, and, as a result, 2719 different badges are illustrated.

Of Irish interest the following regiments and corps are covered:-

The 4th Royal Irish Dragoon Guards (later 4th/7th Dragoon Guards); The 8th King's Royal Irish Hussars (later the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars); The 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards; The 16th/5th Lancers; The Irish Guards; The London Irish Rifles; The 8th (Irish) Battalion of the King's Regiment (Liverpool); The North Irish Brigade; The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, The Royal Irish Fusiliers and The Royal Ulster Rifles, who on amalgamation became The Royal Irish Rangers in 1968; The Ulster Defence Regiment; The North Irish Horse; The Ulster Home Guard. Of particular interest are the now hard to find badges of the following Officers' Training Corps: Queen's University, Belfast; Dublin University; Cork Grammar School; Royal College of Surgeons; Royal Belfast Academical Institution and St. Columba's College.

The Author gives good advice to collectors, pointing out the pitfalls, which unfortunately are becoming all the more prevalent with the number of forgeries and restrikes now in circulation. Some of these are so well executed that it is extremely difficult to tell if it is an original item or otherwise.

This volume, like the previous, is highly recommended.

F. G. T.

LIVING IS LOVING. Inge and Sten Hegeler. Granada. £1.05. THE MARRIAGE ART. J. E. Eichenlaub. Granada. £1.05.

Both of these books are filled with information, which must be of interest to many people. Adults will find them amusing, informative and frank, but for younger people they could place an over emphasis on what, after all, is only part of what goes to make a happy life.

C. C.

"IN THE CANNON'S MOUTH" P. J. Campbell. 146 pages with map. Hamish Hamilton London. £5.95 + VAT.

I have been a hack in the Constoir stables for quite some time now and, don't you know, I envy the hacks up the yard and never more than when I'm landed with a book to review which has all the appearances of being a boring canter. I have learned to distrust, on sight, unit histories and WWI books. But, I'm an old-soldier-hack, so, I just roll my eyes up to heaven, silently deflate, and emerge from my stall all bright eyed and bushy tailed. This never fails to delight our Eaganthoir, or "The Master" as we call him in the yard.

But here was a surprise; "In the Cannon's Mouth" was the only literary allusion! There was a map to which reference was never necessary and the dust jacket was just a dust jacket and not as aspect of the ju-ju. P. J. Campbell got a great reception for his "The Ebb and Flow of Battle" written almost sixty years after the battle. This book is not a sequel, it's a prelude to "Ebb". But that is not the nature of the surprise.

I suspect the the author is as heartily tired of the put-on, the cynicism and the literary style (as vacuous as auctioneer-eulogy in a Friday paper) which we so often find in books of this genre. "I have not exaggerated" he says "or written for effect" nor has he.

With a sincere and economic style he has described how he came to join a Yorkshire Territorial battery in time for Passchendalle, and how he got on. It is quite an engaging story and it is told in a simple fashion. Confined, as he was confined, to the limited horizons of his battery (more precisely, to its group of officers) the story is comprehensive and comprehensible. It is a little gem of a book which is entertaining yet thought-provoking. It is one I want to pass around and not just to buffs. I expect that many people will like this book.

'Written more than sixty years after' really means 'written, rewritten, distilled, refined, matured and finely polished over a period of sixty years'. The finished product is what we hacks, who've met all comers, know as 'quality'. At £5.95 + VAT, it is, I assure you, a worthwhile and a valuable addition to any library.

I hope that the example of P. J. Campbell will be followed by some of our own veterans. They really should get out the pen, and without fear or favour, tell us their stories while they're still fresh in their memories.

Capt. Cathal Loftus.

"MODERN SOVIET ARMOUR - COMBAT VEHICLES OF THE USSR AND THE WARSAW PACT TODAY" Steven J. Galoga. Arms and Armour Press. £5.95.

Our island location, and the fact that we are not members of any military alliance, means that we do not have to grow up in day-to-day familiarity with the weapons of the super-powers. The only professional disadvantage our officers suffer on UN MIssions stems from this - we are not familiar with Soviet or American Armour, Artillery or Aircraft. The ability to recognise certain Soviet and US weaponry is a requirement in supervising the Force Limitations which were (and still are) part of some of the Middle East Agreements.

This book provides an excellent guide to the main types of Soviet armour - which the author takes as including Tanks, Infantry and Airborne Armoured Combat Vehicles, Recce Vehicles, Tank Destroyer Derivatives and Mechanized Air Defence. There are short comments on the tactical consequences of the various designs. The T. 34 tank and the Sherman, were the great "recruits' weapons" of the last war - like the ANGRC - 9 and No. 19 radio sets or the "French 75mm" gun of WWI. There are good pictures of the ZSU-23-4, Shilka, the deadly 23mm AA gun co-mounted with a search and tracking radar on a tank chassis, which did so much damage to Israeli planes in 1973.

The picture captioned "Every third BMP carried a SA-7 Grail anti-aircraft missile" should probably read "missiles". There are a minimum of two missiles with each launcher and the picture, in fact, shows a launcher, complete with missile fitted. The soldier has an IFF equipment fitted to his helmet - an item new to this reviewer - but clearly needed because the characteristics of this weapon make it all too easy to hit ones own aircraft. One is always sceptical about Chapters headed "Comparison between Warsaw Pact and NATO Battle Tanks" (remember Rex and his friends in "Brideshead Re-Visited"). The vulnerability of the T-62 ammunition bin is mentioned, but not that of the M-60.

This is nit-picking. This is a very useful book.

E. D. D.

THE HUMAN ZOO. Desmond Morris. Panther. £1.05.
INTIMATE BEHAVIOUR. Desmond Morris. Panther. £1.05.

These two books by the author of the acclaimed *The Naked Ape* and *Manwatching* examine the behaviour of humans in a crowded and impersonal world. The results are the readable, thought-provoking books on man's performance in the large urban societies of this century. He compares the city-dweller to a captive animal, hence the title of the older book, and outlines the manner in which instinctive human intimacies suffer restraint in the more recent book.

Morris is a zoologist and if he is to be taken to task it is in going too far without supporting evidence other than anecdotal evidence when he infers across species. The "human-game" is NOT merely "a fundamental piece of animal behaviour" (TH p.51). The high-level skill of language is peculiarly human. This uniquely human attribute is not examined in any real way.

Such lacunae should not, however, prevent one enjoying these thought provoking books from this superb divergent thinker. One gets the impression on reading that he just cannot get his ideas down on paper quite fast enough for his inventive brain. The study of human functioning is multi-disciplinary. Experts in many fields such as sociology, psychology, biology, zoology and ethology can find plenty of food for thought and topics for further research in these tow books.

B. Geraghty.

THE WEST OF IRELAND. Sean Jennett. Batsford. £7.95.

Batsford, as publishers, serve Ireland well. Dublin, Cork, Kerry, the islands and now, this fine book on the western counties. As well as describing the places of historic interest, Mr. Jennett is able to introduce botany and geology in an informal fashion which encourages the reader to leave his car and follow the story-teller 'from the strand over springy, sheep-bitten, salty turf' to find the ruins of an early church, a holy well, and a statue of St. Patrick' on Downpatrick Head. A book worth bringing on a holiday in the West.

C. C.

THE CLIMATE OF TREASON. Andrew boyle. Hutchinson, London. 504pp. £7.95.

The immediate reaction to the weeks that have elapsed since this book first appeared must call to mind Napoleon's remark about people who are lucky. Andrew Boyle, to use a Dublin expression, has been "steeped" It was this book started the ball rolling about Anthony Blunt with the inevitable uproar that this revelation caused, has meant that initial sales have soared, and there was a period when you could hardly turn on your TV or radio without having to listen to the author being interviewed on the latest development in the revelation game. The fact that "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy" had just concluded on TV didn't exactly do any harm to this book either.

Now that the fuss has subsided, the question remains: How good is the book? The answer has to be, very, very good. I tried an experiment of giving it to two youngsters who had only a vague idea about the M.I.5, Burgess, Maclean etc. were all about. They both agreed that for them the real value of the book was that it gave a very good roundup of all the individuals involved in transmitting secret and vital information to the Russians. Apart from the sensational examples, the book deals with such people as Alan Nunn May, Klaus Fuchs, and the others who for one reason or another, were prepared to give vital and damaging information to an alien power.

At once, I realised that the whole kernel of this book lies in its title. It is about the **climate** of treason rather than about the traitors themselves with their grotty little personalities and their social and sexual hang-ups. Only Kim Philby emerges as a person whom you feel was good company and a charming personality. How the rest of them ever gained the confidence or trust of anybody almost defies the imagination. There are many, many lessons to be learnt from this book. One thing that emerges, as it has so often in similar accounts, is the devastating effects of inter-departmental wranglings and machinations. The obsession with empire building, with promotion and advancement became so great that the values and function of the organisation itself got lost. In this way, people like Philby, were able to wreak havoc on the systems they were supposed to protect.

Andrew Boyle has every reason to feel satisfied with this book. For the reader, and particularly those of us in any way involved in the security of the state, mere admiration for a competent piece of writing about an attractive subject won't be enough. This book should be read over and over again so that the plants and weeds which thrive in the climate of treason can be easily recognised and readily extirpated.

M. D. B.

IRISH LIFEBOATS 1980. The Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Dublin and Belfast. £2.

This is the twenty eighth issue of the "annual record of the special achievements of our coxswains and crews, also of the efforts of our voluntary workers".

A glance at this Journal shows it contains a wide variety of articles, each of special interest to all who live, play or work by the sea. For the maritime historian there is a list of the closed Irish lifeboat stations and the editor (Lieut-Colonel Brian Clark) invites help from local sources in completing the list.

Three pages record memorable rescues of the past by the Arranmore (7 December 1940), Galway Bay (16 August 1938) and Ballycotton (23 December 1942) lifeboats.

For yachtsmen the 'Fastnet Aftermath' by John Driscoll looks at the tragedy that occurred off our south coast last August. Lifeboats from Dunmore East, Ballycotton, Baltimore and Courtmacsherry were launched in appalling weather conditions and saved 45 lives.

The professional seaman will find much of interest in 'Hypothermia and Survival in Cold Water'. Here in lay man's language is the procedure for treating survivors suffering from extreme exposure when no doctor is available. It is a vast improvement on the advice given in the 'Ship Captains Medical Guide', the first aid Bible for merchant ship masters. A gem is the hint of what to do if your ship (like mine) has no baths, only showers. Inflate a liferaft and fill it with hot water for the patient! That short article alone makes this Journal almost priceless. Yet it costs just £2.

Frank Forde.

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